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1. The amendment filed on March 5, 2004 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the claims that are newly submitted are drawn to a wholly different method than that which has already been examined on the merits. The present claims are drawn to a method comprising crossing Brassica plants to produce a Brassica plant that produces seeds having a stable and uniform yellow phenotype. However, the claims that have been examined on the merits were drawn to a method comprising transferring one or more transparent seed coat genes into a Brassica CC genome to prepare a transformed Brassica CC genome. It is noted that in the telephonic interview of February 26, 2004 the deletion of "transformed" from the claims was discussed. However, it was unclear at the time what the wording of the new claims would be, and that they would be drawn to a patentably distinct method from those that have already been examined. The claims that are currently pending would require a new search, as they are drawn to a distinct method having different method steps, and the new search and examination of this distinct invention would be an undue burden.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth F. McElwain whose telephone number is (571) 272-0802. The examiner can normally be reached on increased flex time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amy Nelson can be reached on (571) 272-0804. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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